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In re application of:

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Application No.: 10/087631

Filed: March 1, 2002

For: METHOD FOR THE
DETERMINATION OF A NUCLEIC
ACID USING A CONTROL

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 28, 2004 for the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination, an IDS, Exhibit A (Bolli *et al.*), and a petition for extension of time for one month, from April 28, 2004 to May 28, 2004 are included herein.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.